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Joint Committee on Judiciary Members,

My name is Jeff Fluckiger from the town of Ellington and I am submitting written testimony for the following;

OPPOSE: HB 6355 AN ACT CONCERNING A RISK PROTECTION ORDERS OR WARRANTS

SUPPORT: HB 6491 AN ACT CONCERNING NONLETHAL ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS

OPPOSE HB 6355 I oppose HB 6355 as this bill will make the existing law, which already lacks due process, even more unjust. **Making it easier to apply for a risk warrant by extending the list to other non-law enforcement people opens up the process to abuse from vindictive acquaintances or those that lack the professional training to judge a person's mental condition.** Someone should not have to prove their innocents when a crime has not been committed. These risk warrants do not provide due process and this bill further erodes our liberties. I view this bill, which serves no real value in reducing violence perpetrated with firearms, as just another attack on our second amendment rights.

SUPPORT HB 6491 I support HB6491. This bill gives those that need some form of self-defense an option when they don't have or want a firearm. This would give them the ability to defend themselves against those who would try to harm them because they can't physically fight back. **48 states now allow citizens to carry electronic defense weapons for protection outside the home. Connecticut needs to bring itself into alignment with the majority of states.**

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